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RE: Water Rights in Reporting Area 16, Basin 37 Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA)

Dear Water Right Claimant(s):

Please find enclosed the Idaho Department of Water Resources recommendations for your water right claim(s) in Basin 37, Part 1, Surface Water designating the area covering the East Snake Plain Aquifer as a part of the Big Wood drainage area that is Basin 37. We have also enclosed instructions for reviewing (1) your recommended water right(s), and (2) other recommended water right claims in your area. Water rights for all domestic and/or stockwater rights and those from ground water within the same area were recommended separately in earlier reports, and most of those have been decreed by the SRBA Court.

Note that you have until March 10, 2006, in which to review the recommendations for your water rights or those of other claimants and to file any objection to our recommendations. Information on the other water rights can be found at the county courthouses in Fairfield, Gooding, Hailey, Mountain Home, and Shoshone, and at all the Idaho Department of Water Resources offices (see addresses in enclosures).

If the SRBA Court does not receive an objection to our recommendation from you and no other party objects to the recommendation for your water right, your water right will be decreed the next year as recommended. You will receive your decree from the SRBA Court.

Completion of the SRBA is important for the future of water management in Idaho. We invite you to contact our regional offices with any questions you have about your water right(s) or this adjudication process.

Sincerely,

Karl J. Dreher Director

Enclosures